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SUMMARY: EMBASSY CONVEYED TO JAPANESE FONOFF US COMMENTS ON DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT AND PROPOSALS FOR MODIFICATIONS. FONOFF PROMISED POSITIVE CONSIDERATION AND SUGGESTED REPLY MIGHT COME IN FEBRUARY. END SUMMARY.

1. EMBOFFS CONVEYED PROPOSED US MODIFICATIONS TO LATEST JAPANESE DRAFT OF ENVIRONMENTAL ACCORD TO FONOFF ON DECEMBER 23, PER REFTELS A AND B. EMBOFFS STRESSED US POSITION FOR RETURN IN (NEW)ARTICLE FIVE TO LANGUAGE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONING THE OECD GUIDING PRINCIPLES, AS AGREED AD REFERENDUM AT MAY MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE. EMBOFFS REFERRED TO RECENT USG EFFORTS TO HELP JAPAN IN OECD MEETINGS WITH HER PROBLEMS WITH PPP, AND POINTED OUT VAGUENESS OF REFERENCE TO "RECOMMENDATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS." TO HELP

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TREATIES BUREAU OVER PROBLEM OF FINDING A PRECEDENT, EMBOFFS

CITED PREVIOUS MENTION, IN BILATERAL US-JAPAN AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION IN CIVIL USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY, OF MULTILATERAL SAFEGUARDS MEASURES OF IAEA.

2. WATANEBE (DIRECTOR, SECOND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS DIVISION, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS BUREAU, FONOFF) SAID THAT GOJ WOULD CAREFULLY CONSIDER OUR ARGUMENTS AND PROPOSALS. HE MENTIONED THAT FONOFF, OTHER THAN TREATIES BUREAU, AND ENVIRONMENT AGENCY DO NOT OPPOSE SPECIFIC MENTION OF PPP IN AGREEMENT. HE HOPES GOJ MIGHT BE ABLE TO ANSWER BY THE LATTER PART OF JANUARY OR EARLY FEBRUARY SINCE BUDGET ACTIVITIES HAVE HIGHEST PRIORITY AT MOMENT.

3. EMBASSY COMMENT: EMBASSY IS ENCOURAGED AT HIS POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD AGREEMENT ITSELF AND POINTS US MADE IN SUGGESTING ITS CHANGES THIS TIME. EMBASSY BELIEVES US INSISTENCE ON MENTION OF OECD PRINCIPLES HAS A GOOD CHANCE OF ACCEPTANCE THIS TIME. WATANABE REACTED POSITIVELY TO EMBASSY'S EMPHASIS ON DESIRE TO COMPLETE AGREEMENT AND TO SELECT AN APPROPRIATE TIME FOR ITS SIGNATURE. END COMMENT.
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